

October 1
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
JESUS HEALED AND FORGAVE
Matthew 9; Mark 2; Luke 5

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The man who was paralyzed needed to be healed. Jesus forgave the man's sins. Jesus showed that He can forgive sins because He is God. Jesus also healed the man so he could walk. Jesus has the power to heal and to forgive sins.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Is Jesus God or a person? Jesus is both God and a person.

KEY PASSAGE: *No one has ever seen God, the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

John 1:18

Key Passage Phrase: Jesus shows us what God is like. John 1:18

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Lay a **small doll** on a **towel**. Invite preschoolers to take turns holding the corners of the towel to carry the doll to the group time area. When the children arrive to the group time area, invite them to sit.

SAY *Thank you for carrying the doll to group time. In our Bible story today, four friends helped a man by carrying him to see Jesus. Listen to hear why the friends carried the man to see Jesus.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase marker at John 1:18. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage and remove the key passage phrase marker. Read the key passage phrase aloud. Stand and invite preschoolers to stand with you. Show them how to do a jumping jack. Invite children to say the verse as they do jumping jacks. Say one word on each jumping jack.

SAY *We are learning the phrase, 'Jesus shows us what God is like. John 1:18.' In our Bible story, Jesus not only healed the man, but He also forgave the man's sins. This surprised many of the religious leaders because only God can forgive sins. Jesus has the power to heal and to forgive sins.*

4. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. How did the friends get the man to Jesus? (*They carried him on a mat, climbed up on the roof, made a hole in the roof, and lowered him down.*)
3. Why do you think the friends were willing to work so hard to get the man to Jesus? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
4. Why could Jesus forgive the man's sins? (*Jesus showed that He can forgive sins because He is God.*)
5. ***Is Jesus God or a human? Jesus is both fully God and fully human.***

SAY *The four friends worked hard to get their friend who could not walk to Jesus. They carried their friend to the top of the house and took off the roof above Jesus. Then they lowered their friend down to Jesus. Jesus saw the men. They believed Jesus could help their friend who could not walk. Jesus forgave the man's sins, and then He healed the man. The man who was paralyzed needed to be healed. Jesus*

forgave the man's sins. Jesus showed that He can forgive sins because He is God. Jesus also healed the man so he could walk. Jesus has the power to heal and to forgive sins.

5. PRAY

SAY *God, thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us from our sins. We praise You that Jesus has the power to heal and forgive sins. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE AS FEW AS ONE ACTIVITY OR USE ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES)

PLAY A GAME: ALL IN

Using **masking tape**, make a large rectangle (3–4 feet) on the floor. Instruct children to stand outside of the rectangle. Say the phrase, “All in,” and guide all the children to walk into the rectangle. Ask the children to step outside the rectangle. Remove one of the strips of tape, and reposition the tape line further into the rectangle, reducing its size. Say, “All in,” again and prompt children to all move into the rectangle. Continue the process of moving the tape line further in until it is almost impossible for all the children to fit in the rectangle.

SAY *We were crowded in our rectangle. No one else could fit inside the tape lines. The house where Jesus taught was so full, there was no room for anyone else. Four men carried their friend to see Jesus. Because the house was so full, they carried their friend to the top of the house, took off the roof, and lowered their friend down to Jesus. Jesus forgave the man's sins. Jesus also healed the man so he could walk. Jesus is God's Son, so He has the power to heal and to forgive people's sins. Jesus showed His power on earth.*

THREAD CEREAL ON SPAGHETTI

Post an allergy alert. Place a ball of **play dough** on a table for each child. Stick two **spaghetti pasta** pieces in each ball of play dough, standing them straight up to resemble legs. Pour **O-shaped cereal** in foam bowls. Invite preschoolers to carefully thread the cereal onto the pasta. Encourage children to see how many pieces of cereal they can thread on the spaghetti.

SAY *The noodles in the play dough make me think of legs. In today's Bible story, four men carried their friend who could not walk on a mat to see Jesus. The man's friends lowered him down through the roof so he could see Jesus. Jesus forgave the man's sins and healed the man. Jesus has the power to heal and to forgive sins.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**.

As they work, LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *Our big picture question is, **Is Jesus God or a human?** The answer is, **Jesus is both fully God and fully human.** The people in the house saw that Jesus is human, like them, but they also saw Him perform a miracle and say that the man's sins were forgiven. Jesus is God's Son and has the power to heal and forgive sin. The people saw Jesus as both fully God and fully human! continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Matthew 9, Mark 2, or Luke 5. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

JESUS HEALED AND FORGAVE

STORYTELLING TIPS

Set the scene: Teach from the center of the room with the children all around you, just as Jesus would have been inside the house. When the man is lowered down, look up as if a hole is being opened in the ceiling.

Sit on mats: Set out mats or towels in the group time area and lead children to sit on them as you tell the story.

Jesus went to His home in Capernaum (kuh PUHR nay uhm). When the people in the town heard that Jesus was there, they went to hear Him teach. **So many people came to the house where Jesus was that there was no room for anyone else.**

Four men came to the house. They were carrying their friend on a mat because he could not walk. Jesus had healed other people, and **the four men wanted Jesus to heal their friend too. But there were too many people; the men could not get to Jesus. So they carried their friend to the top of the house and took off the roof above Jesus. Then they lowered their friend down to Jesus.**

Jesus saw the men. He was happy because they had faith; **they believed Jesus could help their friend who couldn't walk. Then Jesus spoke to the man lying on the mat. He said, "Young man, your sins are forgiven!"**

The religious leaders heard what Jesus said, and they thought, Who does Jesus think He is? He is being disrespectful to God! Only God can forgive sins.

Jesus knew what the religious leaders were thinking. He said to them, "Why are you thinking like that? Is it easier for Me to say to this man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Get up and walk'?"

As God's Son, Jesus has the power to forgive people's sins. But how could He prove that the man's sins were really forgiven? **Jesus showed His power on**

earth too. He turned to the man on the mat and said, "Get up. Pick up your mat and go home."

The man who had been unable to walk got up right away. He picked up his mat and went home, just like Jesus told him to do. **Jesus had healed the man!**

Everyone in the crowd praised God and said, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Christ Connection: The man who was paralyzed needed to be healed. Jesus forgave the man's sins. Jesus showed that He can forgive sins because He is God. Jesus also healed the man so he could walk. Jesus has the power to heal and to forgive sins.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Is Jesus God or a person? Jesus is both God and a person.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Jesus is God's Son. John 1:18

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCTORY GROUP TIME ACTIVITY

Instruct toddlers to sit in a circle. Talk about how we can pray anytime. Invite the toddlers to share something you can pray for. Lead the toddlers in a prayer. Allow toddlers who feel comfortable to pray out loud. Be sensitive to those who do not yet feel comfortable praying.

SAY *Does God have the power to heal and forgive? Yes! Jesus has the power to heal and forgive us of our sins. God is the only one who can forgive our sins! Jesus is God's Son.*

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ACTIVITIES

CRAWL AND STOP

Invite the toddlers to get on their knees. Instruct toddlers to crawl around the room when you say, "Go!" but to stop crawling when you say, "Stop!" Review the Bible story as toddlers play.

SAY *Today we learned about a man. Could this man walk? No? This man could not walk. Who did his friends take him to see? Yes! Jesus! Did Jesus heal the man? Yes! Jesus healed him.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY *Who is Jesus? Yes! Jesus is God's Son. Who can forgive us of our sins? Yes! Jesus. Jesus can forgive your sins just like He forgave the man.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

SAY Four men had a friend who could not walk. They carried the man on a mat to Jesus. So many people were with Jesus, they could not get in the house. The four friends had an idea. They climbed on the roof, made a hole, and lowered their friend to Jesus. Jesus said, "Young man, I forgive your sins." Some people were upset. Only God can forgive sins! Jesus is God's Son. He has power to heal and forgive people. Jesus said to the man, "Pick up your mat and go home." The man got up and walked! Everyone said, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.